

**CITY OF MORDEN
Regular Meeting
August 28, 2023**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Morden held in Council Chambers at Morden, Manitoba this 28th day of August, A.D. 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

- 1.0 Present:** Mayor Brandon Burley, Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock, Councillors Doug Frost, Sheldon Friesen, Florian Lassnig, Garry Hiebert, Nancy Penner City Manager Nicole Reidle, Director of Finance and Administration Edwin Barnuevo, Executive Assistant Ruziel Relatores, Youth Council Member Maja Piekerska

2.0 ADDITIONS TO/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda

**MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen
SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert**

BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the meeting of August 28, 2023 is hereby adopted with the following additions:

11.1 In-Camera - Legal

(Carried)

3.0 Public Hearing – N/A

4.0 Delegations/Presentations

Marilyn Skobovious - attended the meeting to present to Council that there is very little activity at the Suncatch Plaza a majority of the time. She suggested that 8th Street could be closed only for special events during a certain period of time to eliminate congestion along Stephen Street.

Jeff Appelt - spoke on behalf of Appelt's Diamonds. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak and gave a background of Appelt's Diamonds mentioning their passion in enhancing Morden thru businesses. He added that the closure of the street brought confusion, specially to the seniors, as well as issue with limited parking space. Lastly, he felt that the closure did not work how it was intended to.

Jeff Klippenstein - attended the meeting and expressed that everyone's common goal is to make the downtown thrive and that along with growth, good things come with challenges. Due to the street closure, there is more traffic and taking away parking spots. He expressed his willingness to collaborate with Council with all future decisions and best solutions for all.

Bevan Wiebe - thanked the council for the stop signs at 9th and 7th streets and that they were fantastic addition to the downtown.

Sandra Wiebe - attended the Council Meeting and expressed her passion for Morden and how she wanted the city to thrive thru creating spaces for several businesses and buildings in the downtown area as well as help with the housing shortage in Morden. She has concerns with the issue on shortage with parking spots affecting businesses, the seniors, and those going to the Post Office. She further mentioned observations regarding the use of the City Square: (1) No usage during the day/ evening (2) No more concerts than previous years (3) Customers expressed concerns to business owners. She suggested solutions and clarified that she is not opposed of events happening downtown. (1) Keep the road open and only close during events (2) Change the location of the town square to the Confederation Park. She encouraged the Council to work with business owners and together accomplish great things for the city.

Jamie Sokolosky and Family - were present at the Council Meeting to defend and express family's safety and privacy concerns and to explain height of the fence located in their residential backyard. He handed out to Council and staff members copies of letter written by his daughters mentioning how the privacy screen has helped them feel much safer. They have also expressed their concern about the cost of the variance application. Jamie explained further about the importance of privacy, specifically in their residence's location where strangers could easily access and stare into their property. He mentioned about his ongoing communication with the City officers and the Council with regard to a specific by-law on fence and privacy screen. He further pointed out the following: (1) Height of fence is for privacy and security of family specifically his daughters (2) Absence of legal definition with regards to by-law requests being dismissed. Lack of accessible definition of "privacy screen" compared to other municipalities with meticulous outlined definition (3) Lack of investigation and being advised to apply for variance. He added how other cities and municipalities have existing by-law for such and have noticed other fences in the city that are not in compliance with existing by-law regulations and felt that their property is being singled out for scrutiny. He encouraged the Council to be procedurally decided on the definition of "privacy screen". Lastly, he expressed his thanks for the time given to him to speak before the Council and apologized for any form of improper behaviour caused by personal circumstances.

5.0

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on the 31st day of July 2023 be adopted as presented.

5.1
July 31/2023
Regular Meeting

(Carried)

5.2 **MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock**

August 8/2023
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SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting held on the 8th day of August 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

5.3
August 15/2023
Special Meeting

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock

SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special meeting held on the 15th day of August 2023 be adopted as presented.

(Carried)

6.0

**RECOGNITION OF INDIVIDUALS AND/OR ORGANIZATION
ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY –**

Council wishes to recognize Kathy Ritchie for being the winner of Morden's 2022 Citizen of Distinction and her involvement and contribution to certain activities and organizations in the community.

7.0

Youth Member Report

Youth Council Member Maja Piekerska attended the meeting and expressed her gratitude to the Council for giving her the opportunity to serve as she ends her term as the Youth Council Member.

8.0

General Business

8.1
Accounts

MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that the accounts payable to July 31, 2023, be confirmed in the amount of \$ 1, 802, 093.38 which includes the following:

-\$ 1, 302, 989.42 - cheque numbers 22094 to 22363

-\$ 12, 368.56 - Credit Card Payments

-\$ 465, 479.27- Payroll

-\$ 15, 104.55 - Pembina Valley Water Cooperative

- \$ 6, 151.58 - Enterprise Fleet Management (Automobile Lease)

(Carried)

8.2
2nd reading
B/L 10-2023
Fees &
Charges

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

SECONDED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden give 2nd reading to By-Law 10-2023 to set the fees and charges payable to the City for certain municipal services rendered by officers and employees of the City of Morden.
(Carried)

8.3
3rd reading
B/L 10-2023
Fees &
Charges

MOVED BY Councillor Garry Hiebert
SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden give 3rd reading to By-Law 10-2023 to set the fees and charges payable to the City for certain municipal services rendered by officers and employees of the City of Morden.
(Carried)

Recorded Vote:
For: Burley, Maddock, Frost, Friesen, Hiebert, Lassnig, Penner
Against: None

8.4
2nd Reading
B/L 11-2023
Expropriation

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost
SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden give 2nd reading to By-Law 11-2023 being a by-law to provide for the expropriation of the land with legal description "Parcel A Plan No (Dep 843/2023) MLTO in S ½ 7-3-5 WPM for a municipal purpose, to wit a daycare facility.
(Carried)

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SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

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(Carried)

Recorded Vote:
For: Burley, Maddock, Frost, Friesen, Hiebert, Lassnig, Penner
Against: None

8.6
Nelson/
Gilmour
4-Way Stop

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen
SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morden supports the installation of a 4-Way Stop Sign (or Pedestrian Crossing) in the Intersection of Nelson Street and Gilmour Street to provide a safe crossing place to a high volume of pedestrians who are mainly students attending Maple Leaf School.
(Carried)

8.7
PVWD
Expansion

MOVED BY Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock
SECONDED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

Proposal **WHEREAS** Manitoba has prepared an expansion proposal for the Pembina Valley Watershed District that supports watershed-based management in Manitoba, and outlines the details of municipal participation in the Pembina Valley Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS the City of Morden has met with Manitoba regarding the expansion for the Proposal for the Pembina Valley Watershed District;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Morden understands that the amendment to the Watershed Districts Regulation will include the final details of participation in the Pembina Valley Watershed District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morden supports the Rural Municipality of Morris forming part of the Pembina Valley Watershed District Act and Regulation.

(Carried)

8.8
JQ Built FAA
and
Construction
Contract

MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner
SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is providing a capital funding grant to develop new childcare spaces in a new childcare centre in partnership with JohnQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the City of Morden.

AND WHEREAS the City of Morden passed a resolution on 26th of June 2023 to provide a minimum of two acres of serviced land for the purpose of operating a childcare centre and authorized the CAO to work with JQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the Province of Manitoba to negotiate a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) and to bring forward the Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) for Council approval.

AND WHEREAS on October 21, 2022 JohnQ Public Inc. authorized JQ Built Inc. to award a public RFP for the design and construction of nine (9) prefabricated/hybrid daycare facilities in communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Childcare Program (ELCC).

AND WHEREAS with ELCC authorized the expansion for design and construction of five (5) additional prefabricated/hybrid daycare facilities in communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Childcare Program (ELCC).

AND WHEREAS a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) has been negotiated with all nine (9) communities. Which requires the City of Morden to provide two acres of serviced land, to assume and hold ownership of facility, commit to operations and maintenance of facility and grounds, and provide for 15 years at zero rent lease with a licensed and regulated non-profit childcare operator.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morden enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement (FAA) with the Province of Manitoba through its Early Learning and Child Care Program for capital funding for construction of a building to develop new child care spaces in a new child care centre.

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morden will be adhering to the Early Learning and Child Care's Conflict of Interest Policy and Guidelines for this Capital Project.

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor be authorized to sign the Financial Assistance Agreement on behalf of the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.8.1
JQ Built FAA
and
Construction
Contract

**MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig
SECONDED BY Deputy Mayor Gord Maddock**

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is providing a capital funding grant to develop new child care spaces in a new child care centre in partnership with JohnQ Public Inc./JQ Built Inc. and the City of Morden.

AND WHEREAS the City of Morden passed a resolution on 26th of June 2023 to enter into a General Service Agreement with JQ Built Inc.

AND WHEREAS on October 21, 2022 JohnQ Public Inc. authorized JQ Built to award a public RFP for the design and construction of nine (9) prefabricated/hybrid daycare facilities in communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Child Care Program (ELCC).

AND WHEREAS with ELCC authorized the expansion for design and construction of five (5) additional prefabricated/hybrid daycare facilities in communities as identified by the Province's Early Learning and Childcare Program (ELCC).

AND WHEREAS JQ Built Inc. on behalf of JohnQ Public Inc. negotiated and awarded to Pretium Projects Limited as the design build contractor.

AND WHEREAS to reduce risk and ensure the project remains on time and on budget, JQ Built has developed a full slate of support service identified in the General Service Agreement (GSA) and the need of a Design Build construction contract.

AND WHEREAS Pretium Projects Limited has identified a CCDC 14-2013, an industry standard Design Build construction contract, from Canadian

Construction Documents Committee, for a pre-determined stipulated or fixed price for each daycare facility.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Morden authorize JQ Built Inc. to enter into a CCDC14-2013 Contract with Pretium Projects Limited on behalf of the City of Morden.

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Director and Board Chair of JohnQ Public Inc. be authorized to execute the CCDC 14-2013 contract on behalf of the City of Morden.

(Carried)

8.9
RFP Daycare
Service
Provider

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Councillor Gary Hiebert

WHEREAS the City of Morden issued an RFP for a Daycare Service Provider to provide services for the new childcare facility.

AND WHEREAS the City of Morden received one proposal from Pembina Valley Childcare Centres Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden approves the RFP to be awarded to Pembina Valley Childcare Centres Inc.

(Carried)

8.10
RFP
Strategic
Plan

MOVED BY Councillor Sheldon Friesen

SECONDED BY Councillor Doug Frost

WHEREAS the City of Morden issued an RFP to assist in the development of a Strategic Plan as well as a long-term vision that addresses strategic considerations for the City of Morden and stakeholders over the next 20 years.

AND WHEREAS two (2) proposals were received from #Balance and KPMG.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden approves engagement with KPMG for facilitation and negotiation of the City of Morden Strategic Plan.

(Carried)

8.11
Hospitality
Manager

MOVED BY Councillor Doug Frost

SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

WHEREAS after review of the part-time Catering Manager position due to retirement, the creation of a full-time permanent role as Hospitality Manager/Cook is recommended.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the City of Morden approves the recommendation and adopts Policy PER-056 being the Hospitality Manager/ Cook Job Description.

AND THAT the recommended salary range be Grade S3.

8.12
Supplementary
Taxes

(Carried)

**MOVED BY Councillor Gary Hiebert
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the City of Morden approves the 2022 and 2023 Supplementary Taxes as follows:

Batch No.	Deletion	Addition	Total
Batch 1	\$ 1,951.07	\$ 1,232.70	-\$ 718.37
Batch 2	\$ 1,153.60	\$ 47,214.55	\$ 46,060.96
Batch 3	\$ 5,884.19	\$ 288,880.22	\$ 282,996.03
	\$ 8,988.85	\$ 337,327.47	\$ 328,338.61

(Carried)

9.0 **NEW BUSINESS**
None

10.0 **OTHER BUSINESS**
10.1 Funding from the Strategic Infrastructure Basket (SIB)
10.2 2022 Conner Hill Flooding (Reimbursement Request)

11.0 **IN-CAMERA**
11.1 **MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig
SECONDED BY Councillor Gary Hiebert**
BE IT RESOLVED that Council moves from the Regular Meeting to In-Camera to discuss legal matters, as per The Municipal Act, Section 152(3).
(Carried)

11.2 **MOVED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig
SECONDED BY Councillor Nancy Penner**
BE IT RESOLVED that Council move out of camera and resume the Regular Meeting of Council.
(Carried)

12.0

ADJOURN

MOVED BY Councillor Nancy Penner

SECONDED BY Councillor Florian Lassnig

BE IT RESOLVED that the regular meeting of Council of the City of Morden does now adjourn.

(Carried)

Next regular meeting of Council scheduled for September 25th , 2023, at 7:00pm.

CITY OF MORDEN

Mayor

City Manager